



PROCLAMATION

SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, the Minnesota Spinal Cord Injury Association (MNSCIA) is committed to enriching the lives of people in Minnesota who have been impacted by spinal cord injury or paralysis. Their members include people who have incurred paralysis or disability due to a spinal cord injury, their families and friends, healthcare and rehabilitation professionals, policy makers, and corporations;

Whereas, the Minnesota Spinal Cord Injury Association is recognizing September 2013 as Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month and understands the need for increased awareness, education, resources and the investment in research here in Minnesota to continue to improve the quality of life for individuals with spinal cord injuries;

Whereas, every 48 minutes someone in the United States is paralyzed from some form of a Spinal Cord Injury;

Whereas, currently there is an estimated 1,275,000 individuals in the United States who live with a spinal cord injury;

Whereas, an estimated 100,000 of those individuals are veterans who were impacted by spinal cord injury while serving as members of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas, approximately 12,000 additional spinal cord injuries occur in the United States each year with 300 happening in Minnesota;

Whereas, accidents are the leading cause of spinal cord injuries;

Whereas, the Minnesota Spinal Cord Injury Association along with their collaborative partners Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, Medtronic and Unite 2 Fight Paralysis commends the dedication of local, regional and national organizations, researchers, doctors, volunteers, and individuals that are working to improve the quality of life for individuals, family and friends impacted by spinal cord injuries.

Now therefore, I James B. Hovland, Mayor do hereby proclaim September 2013 to be

Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month

in the City of Edina, Minnesota and I encourage individuals and businesses in our city to join in this observance and get involved in this effort.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set by hand and caused the Seal of the City of Edina to be affixed this 3rd day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.

James B. Hovland, Mayor